ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus for forming an image of multilevel image data includes a driving unit for driving an image forming element for image formation, an

5   additional data generating unit for generating a digital signal string based on predetermined additional data, and an input unit for superposing a digital signal string related to the multilevel image data and the digital signal string based on the additional data and

10 inputting the superposed digital signal string to the driving unit.